

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, line 27 with the following paragraph:

63 First end 66 and second end 68 of each cross support 14 are connected substantially perpendicularly to side supports 16 and support plate 12 as beam elements between side supports 16. Cross supports 14 are positioned substantially level within the refrigerator so that food and beverage containers may be stored on plate 12 without tipping and spilling. In an alternative embodiment, one, three or more cross supports 14 support plate 12.

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, line ¹⁵19 with the following paragraph:

64 A method for assembling shelf 80 includes filling underside channel 104 of frame with sealing adhesive 102 and adhering frame 88 to plate second surface 94 along outer periphery 100. Adhesive may be applied to cross supports 84 and/or plate first surface 106, and cross supports 84 are then adhered to plate first surface 106. Each cross support 84 is then attached to side supports 86 so that plate 82 is substantially level. Bracket portion 92 is then attached to side supports 86.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice.

65 1. (once amended) A method for assembling a shelf for a refrigerator, the shelf including a plate, a frame, and at least one cross support, the plate having first and second surfaces and an outer periphery, said method comprising the steps of:

applying an adhesive to the frame;

adhering the frame to the second surface of the plate along the outer periphery;

applying an adhesive to at least one of the cross support and the first surface of the plate;

and